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| In re Application of: | Art Unit: 1753 |
| Moshe Konstantin | Examiner: Anthony D. Fick |
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| For: DUAL PANEL SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE PASSAGE OF LIGHT THROUGH ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES | |

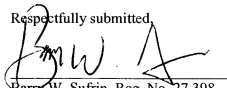
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant generally agrees with the Examiner's determination that the prior art does not teach the invention claimed in the allowed application. However, the applicant does not concur with the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the prior art. For example, while Figures 2 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,978,578 display light controlling members, it is noted that this patent does not teach or suggest engagement surfaces of controlling members in contact with engagement surfaces of adjacent controlling members. More particularly, contrary to the Examiner's Statement, feature 20 is not a controlling member/engagement surface, but rather a supporting ring. As explained at column 3, lines 36-37 of the '578 patent, supporting rings 20 are made of a plastic material, are thin enough to be elastically deformable, and have an outside diameter substantially identical with the outside diameter of the semi-circular profile of the light controlling members 6. Thus, neither the specification nor the figures of the '578 patent teach or suggest contacting engagement surfaces of adjacent light controlling members.

Respectfully submitted,



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